

718 Boys in Local Scouting Program

Scouting in Birmingham—one of the activities supported by contributions to the United Foundation—is helping to shape character among 718 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

More than 6,000 boys are registered in the scouting program in Southern Oakland County alone, and some 50,800 scouts are participating in scouting under direction of the Detroit Area Council.

Birmingham is part of what is known as the Northern Community of District 1, in scouting circles. The area comprises Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Franklin and is made up of five scout troops, six cub scout packs and a sea scout "ship".

In the area are 456 cub scouts—boys 8 to 11 years old; 167 boy scouts—11 to 14 years old; and 86 explorers—boys over 14 years. Guiding their activities are 172 scouters, or adults participating on troop or pack committees.

THE SCOUTING movement in Birmingham is more than 30 years old, the first troop being organized early in the days of scouting. One troop—Troop B-4, Adams School

ing at Franklin Community House and sponsored by the Franklin Community Association.

THE FRANKLIN troop, incidentally, has its own campsite north of Lapeer on the edge of a state forest.

Cub packs also meet in school gymnasiums. Pack B-2 is located at Quanton School and is sponsored by the Quanton School P. T. A., with Jim Hill, cubmaster.

At Pierce School the Pierce P. T. A. is, at present, sponsoring two cub packs. Pack B-3 is a brand new organization this fall, which will transfer to Baldwin School when that school is made an elementary school this winter. Dr. George Marin is cubmaster of the new pack. The other pack at Pierce School is B-7, with Joe Whitesell as cubmaster.

The Adams School P. T. A. sponsors Pack B-8, with Don Parry as cubmaster. Cranbrook School of Science sponsors Pack B-6, Bill Morse, cubmaster; and the Franklin P. T. A. sponsors Pack B-11, Roy Brown, Jr., cubmaster.

DURING the past season, the Birmingham Lions Club sponsored Sea Scout Ship B-4, but at present the ship is inactive.

Scouting in the northern community is under direction of James Buchanan, district scout commissioner, with Harold Ness as community commissioner, aided by Herbert Farracks, Arthur Burleigh, Douglas Witters, Ralph McGaw, and Dain Millman as neighborhood commissioners.

The entire scouting program is directed from Detroit as a Community Chest "Red Feather" agency, which is supported financially by the United Foundation drive. Robert Williams is the scout executive assigned to District Number 1, the area north of eight Mile road.

During the past year, Birmingham scouts participated in a series of public service activities, including messenger service, distributing posters and advertising materials, gathering wastepaper, and

helping out at the annual Halloween parties.

A GROUP of Explorer Scouts held a special emergency service training program to qualify themselves for disaster relief, and to learn up to nine merit badges en route to a certificate. This program was under direction of Dain Millman, their community commissioner.

As troops, Birmingham scouts participated in camporees last spring with other troops, competing for awards in emergency relief activities. They also competed in a series of first aid meets and swimming meets. During the annual Boy Scout Week window displays of handicraft and camping equipment were held in downtown store windows.

THE EXPLORER program is comparatively new in Birmingham. Special adventure campouts have been held for these older boys, with a district canoe trip down the Au Sable river last June. Some explorer groups own their own canoes and have made several canoe trips on Michigan rivers.

During the coming year a new Detroit area scout camp is to be opened at Metamora, which will attract Birmingham boys for weekend camping outs.

Last summer a number of Birmingham Scouts attended Camp Howell, near Brighton, for several weeks.

Army, Air Force Extend Enlistment Deadline Until November 1

Enlistment opportunities for those men who have taken their pre-induction physical examinations for the draft have been extended until Nov. 1, according to S/Sgt. Russell E. Vollett, army and air force recruiting chief for the Pontiac area.

Sgt. Vollett said, "Those men who take advantage of the extension can, upon completion of enlistment, make application for

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several different technical schools, officer candidate school, if qualified, and many different on the job openings.

For young women interested in an enlistment in the WAC or WAF, Corporal Mary Coleman, Womens air force, will be at the Pontiac office each Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to interview those who contact her.

Offices are at 53 1/2 West Huron, Pontiac.



TROOP B-4

Gordon Provan has been re-elected managing editor of the Tom-Tom, troop publication. He will have John Clark as city editor and Tom Bradley as production manager. Reporters are Mickey Weston, Tom Hizar and Pug Urvac.

Tom Bradley has transferred from Troop 12, Winchester, Mass., to the local troop. Another new transfer is Christie McTavish who comes from Troop 19, Utica, Ohio.

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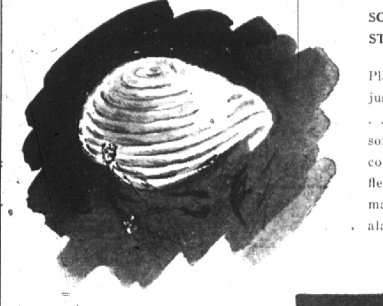
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